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FROM ROBINSON TO THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGEF, HENRY A.) PLOS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON LOS MATTERS

1. LOS TEAM HEADED BY AMBASSADOR LEARSON IS LEAVING ON THURSDAY FOR EUROPE TO MEET FIRST WITH MINISTER EVENSEN (DECEMBER 3) AND THEN WITH GROUP OF 5 (SOVIET UNION, UK, FRANCE, JAPAN) (DECEMBER 6-9). US LOS GROUP WILL ALSO BE CONSULTING WITH FRG AND EC COMMISSION AND OTHERS DURING TRIP. DECISION ON BASIC INTERSESSIONAL STRATEGY IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO MEETING WITH EVENSEN AND G-5. MY ACTION MEMORANDUM TO YOU OF 11/22/76 PROPOSES BASIC STRATEGY; WE NEED YOUR DECISION OR COMMENTS ON THIS MEMORANDUM BEFORE THESE KEY MEETINGS.

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW ANY SIGNIFICANT LOS RESULTS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICANS BEFORE TEAM LEAVES FOR
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EUROPE.

3. IF IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO RESPOND TO PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE PRIOR TO YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON, AND YOU BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT, LEARSON COULD ATTEMPT TO POSTPONE EVENSEN MEETING UNTIL THE END OF THE EUROPEAN TRIP (FROM DECEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 13). (LEARSON BELIEVES THIS OPTION TO BE

UNDESIRABLE GIVEN POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTION BY EVENSEN AND DESIRABILITY TO CONSULT WITH HIM BEFORE G-5 CONSULTATIONS.) IN THIS CASE, WE SHOULD MEET WITH YOU ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, PREFERABLY IN THE MORNING.

4. WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, GIVEN CURRENT TRAVEL/CONSULTATION SCHEDULE OF THE DELEGATION. ROBINSON

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